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Agency: Umatilla County Sheriff's Office

Umatilla County Sheriff's Office Responds to Fatal UTV Crash north of Tollgate

UMATILLA COUNTY, OR — On Thursday, October 29, 2026, at approximately 3:30 p.m., the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office responded to a 911 report of a serious utility terrain vehicle (UTV) rollover crash on McIntyre Road, north of Tollgate. The emergency call was received and coordinated through the Regional Dispatch Center.

Deputies Knudson and Limburg, along with Sergeant J. Roberts, responded to McIntyre Road north of Berry Lane. Four individuals were involved in the rollover and were ejected from the vehicle.

One occupant, 51-year-old Stephen Ray Roberson of Prineville, Oregon, died at the scene.

Due to the location and rugged terrain, Sergeant Rowen Hayes responded with members of Umatilla County Search and Rescue to assist with recovery efforts.

The preliminary investigation does not show alcohol as a factor in the crash, and is ongoing.

UCSO was assisted by East Umatilla Fire & Rescue and Pendleton Fire and Ambulance. Life Flight was also placed on standby.

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office extends its sincere condolences to Mr. Roberson's family and friends.

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